

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Forest Department – Disciplinary case of Sri S.V.G.M.S. Rama Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd) formerly worked as Sub-Divisional Forest Officer, Parvathipuram of Vizianagaram Division - Inquiry finalized and findings received  
- Imposition of penalty of 2% (Two percent) cut in pension for a period of one (1) year  
- Show-Cause-Notice issued – Explanation received – Final orders - Issued.

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 25

Dated:26-02-2015  
Read the following:

1. From the Prl.CCF Ref.No.3216/2010/K3, Dt:8-5-2014.
2. Govt. Memo.No.3309/For.IV/A1/2014-1, Dated:23-5-2014.
3. From the Prl.CCF Ref.No.3216/2010/Vig-3, Dt:11-7-2014
4. Govt.Lr.No.3309/For.IV/A1/2014, Dt.06-02-2015.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad has informed that an Article of Charge was issued against Sri S.V.G.M.S. Rama Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests(Retd), formerly worked as Sub-Divisional Forest Officer, Parvathipuram of Vizianagaram Division vide Ref.No.3216/2010/P1,dt:16-1-2012, on the following counts:-

- Article-1:** That the said Sri S.V.G.M.S. Rama Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests had shown gross neglect of duty and failed to take action to salvage the felled material in Sampannaguda V.S.S. Panasabadra Beat of Mondemkhal Section of Kurupam Range occurred under Bhooporatam resulting in loss to the Government.
- Article-2:** That the said Sri S.V.G.M.S. Rama Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests had failed to take action under RoFR Act and failed to follow the instructions of Divisional Forest Officer, Vizianagaram to speedup the work of clearance of claims under RoFR Act which resulted in a news item published in Andhra Jyothi Daily with a caption "Maata Vinakunte Thoka Kattirista" on 03-06-2009.
- Article-3:** That the said Sri S.V.G.M.S. Rama Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests had shown neglect of duty and lack of supervision on subordinates working under his control, resulting in running of unauthorized sawmills in Parvathipuram Range.
- Article-4:** That the said Sri S.V.G.M.S. Rama Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests had shown neglect of duty and failed to monitor and supervise in raising of 132 ha. Plantations in Shikaruganj Beat of Parvathipuram Range.
- Article:5** That the said Sri S.V.G.M.S. Rama Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests had shown gross neglect of duty and allowed the Forest Range Officer and Staff for irregular booking of expenditure in purchase of plough / Buffaloes / Milch cattle without sanction of estimate and not followed the Pasukranti guidelines.
- Article:6** That the said Sri S.V.G.M.S. Rama Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests disobeyed the instructions of superior officers and applied for leave without prior notice or intimation to the superiors, which caused severe dislocation of Administration of Parvathipuram Sub-Division.

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2. The Charged Officer acknowledged Article of Charge on 01-02-2012 and he did not submit the explanation within the stipulated time. Hence, the Addl. Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests/Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam and Divisional Forest Officer, Vizianagaram were appointed as Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer respectively, for conducting regular inquiry into the charges framed against the charged officer.

3. The Inquiry Officer submitted his findings concluding that the charges framed against Sri S.V.G.M.S. Rama Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests are held proved. The findings were communicated to the Charged Officer and obtained further defense statement.

4. The Charged Officer has retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

5. Government after careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, and material made available, Government have observed that the charges framed against the Charged Officer are held proved and it is provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 2% (two per cent) cut in pension for a period of one year on the charged officer, Sri S.V.G.M.S. Rama Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests(Retd), formerly worked as Sub-Divisional Forest Officer, Parvathipuram of Vizianagaram Division, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. Accordingly, a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 2<sup>nd</sup> read above. The Charged Officer submitted his further explanation through the reference 3<sup>rd</sup> read above and in which he has agreed with the proposed punishment. In the reference 4<sup>th</sup> read above the Govt. have addressed to the Secretary, APPSC, A.P. Hyderabad to convey their concurrence to the above proposal. The Concurrence of Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission is awaited.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose the penalty of 2% cut in pension for (1) one year against the Charged Officer Sri S.V.G.M.S. Rama Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests(Retd), formerly worked as Sub-Divisional Forest Officer, Parvathipuram of Vizianagaram Division, pending receipt of concurrence of Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is requested to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(I/c)

To  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.  
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:  
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.  
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.  
The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.  
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SECTION OFFICER